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TAKES A HAND IN POLITICS.

Mr. Cleveland Wants the Democratic Party to Declare for Sound Money.

NO COMPROMISE ON SILVER.

The President Believes It Best for the Party to Favor the Present Monetary Standard and Retirement of Greenbacks.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—"The democratic party can win this year," said President Cleveland a few days ago to a member of his cabinet, "if it will declare unequivocally for sound money. No straddle, no compromise will do. On a straight-out platform, with a candidate to match, we can carry the country." During the past two weeks there has been an unusual amount of politics in the conversation at the white house. The president has shown a keen interest in the coming campaign and has talked the matter over with the members of his cabinet as they



GROVER CLEVELAND.

have called to confer about public business. It may be said the administration has agreed on a programme, though not upon the details of the manner in which an attempt will be made to carry it out.

The key-note of this programme, as inspired by the president himself, is "No compromise with silver." This means direct antagonism to the Morrison idea of a straddle in the Chicago convention. To this policy the administration is now thoroughly committed, and from this time forward the president and his followers in a quiet but none the less effective way, will take a hand in the campaign. Mr. Cleveland has given it out that there will be no more straddle on the currency question if can prevent it. "The time has passed in which either of the old parties can temporize with that question," he said recently, "and retain the respect of the country. The people want frankness, not juggling with words." Consequently the administration forces will go to Chicago determined to secure, if possible, adoption of an unequivocal declaration in favor of the present monetary standard and retirement of greenbacks, as recommended by the president and the secretary of the treasury in their communications to congress.

CARLISLE VISITS GOLD SHARPS.

The Bankers of Wall Street Confer With the Secretary.

New York, Feb. 25.—Secretary Carlisle met a committee of the Chamber of Commerce at his hotel here yesterday. The conference commenced very soon after 4 o'clock. Mr. Carlisle was one of the first to arrive at the hotel. He was met by Louis Windmiller, Isidor Straus, President G. G. Williams of the Chemical National Bank; President John P. Townsend of the Bowers Savings Bank; Charles Stuart Smith and Gustave H. Schwab, Henry Heitz, J. Kennedy Todd and Harry W. Cannon of the Chase National Bank. At the conclusion of the conference it was stated that only members of the sound currency committee of the Chamber of Commerce had been invited to meet the secretary, and that the time had been devoted to discussing the financial situation and the best means of carrying on the sound money campaign.

It is believed, however, that a scheme is being promulgated to concentrate the gold men and their forces and boom Cleveland for a third term.

Miss Flieger Gets Off Easy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Miss Elisabeth Flieger, who last spring shot a colored boy named Green, was yesterday arraigned in court. She pleaded guilty of involuntary murder and sentenced to three hours in jail and to pay a fine of \$500.

To Be Married Easter Monday.

New York, Feb. 21.—General Harrison and Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmock will be married on Easter Monday, April 6, by the Rev. Dr. John Wesley Brown of St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal church.

Married.

Charles Marsh and Miss Wellman of Lathrop, Kan., were married Monday by Probate Judge Kent.

KANSAS MAY REPUDIATE BONDS.

Legality of the Issue of \$1,000,000 Worth in Bond Days Questioned.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 27.—During the past week a dozen meetings have been held in various counties in Western Kansas, at which the question of repudiating bonds voted to railroads during the Kansas boom was discussed. The legality of their issue is challenged and C. E. Ashbaugh, republican, and Judge Frank Foster, populist, both lawyers of good standing in the state, offer to take these cases and fight them through the courts for 20 per cent of the gross amount saved. There are probably over \$1,000,000 of these bonds to be disputed in the courts. They were voted ten years ago, when railroad lines were laid all over the western half of the state, through a section devoid of crops and incapable of sustaining a population. Dishonest construction companies gulled the people who had gone into that new country and the result was that the municipalities were saddled with debts beyond their ability to pay. The bond issues exceeded the limit of 10 per cent of taxable valuation fixed by law. The bonds are in the possession of "promoters" and other speculators in York and many are held by innocent purchasers. In a number of counties in Western Kansas the state has commenced suit to test the legality of these bonds.

Tariff Bill Downed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—In the senate today, during the business of the morning hour, a motion was made by Mr. Morrill (Vt.), chairman of the finance committee, to take up for consideration the house tariff bill. He called attention to the deficiencies of revenue under the existing tariff law and said that something should be done to relieve the treasury department and to revive the business interests of the country. The motion was lost by a vote of 33 to 22.

The Archon, Daily Patriot Suspends.

ARCHON, Kan., Feb. 25.—The Daily Patriot, which has been struggling along and printing a few papers every day for several months, ceased publication yesterday. Mr. Stambaugh, owner of the plant, will start a weekly.

Gold Discovered in Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 25.—Gold has been discovered in city creek canon, within the city limits. Assays are reported as running as high as \$500 in gold and \$40 in silver per ton.

Home for Dependent Ex-slaves.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 25.—Ground was broken this morning for the home for dependent ex-slaves, at the corner of Krug and Garfield avenues, seven blocks southeast of Krug park.

At Chicago the foundry of Kuntz & Buhner was burned, entailing a loss of \$135,000.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFINGS.

Topeka, Kan., will soon have dollar gas.

The State bank at Osawatomie, Kan., will go into voluntary liquidation.

The revolution in Nicaragua is more widespread than at first reported.

George Abbott, manager of the Durkee Coal Co.'s store at Seaman, Kan., committed suicide.

At Kiang Yin, 95 miles from Shanghai, China, a powder magazine explosion caused the death of 200 persons.

Ex-Gov. Boies, of Iowa, has written a letter declining to be a candidate for the democratic nomination for president.

Charges of immorality have been preferred against Commandant Wilson, of the Nebraska soldiers' and sailors' home.

Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle was given a reception by the business men and financiers of New York city Tuesday night.

Thomas Davenport is in jail at Leavenworth, Kan., charged with the murder of J. T. Lamborn near Fall Leaf, Kan., a few days ago.

At Topeka, Kan., William Vaughan, aged 19, shot and killed Jerry Merriweather, aged 18, over a game of marbles. Both are colored.

"Bull" Hickey, a Chicago desperado, was shot and killed while attempting to hold up the owner of a meat market on Oakley avenue in that city.

Dennis Ferguson, a pawnbroker of Long Island City, N. Y., was robbed of \$10,000 in diamonds by three men who entered his store in broad daylight.

Near Kingville, Mo., James B. Evans, aged 18, was murdered in the public road by Willard James, aged 50, a mail carrier. James then escaped.

A favorable report by the house committee will probably be made on the bill to establish at Washington a national home for indigent colored people.

At Reading, Pa., the building occupied by A. J. Brumbaugh, J. F. McConnell and the Star Machine Screw Co., all three manufacturers, was destroyed by fire.

Three bandits made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the bank at Warren, Ark., on the 15th. The bank officers would not be held up, and a posse of citizens gathered and forced the robbers to retire.

Two robbers entered the City national bank at Wichita Falls, Tex., and robbed the officers of several hundred dollars in silver. The officers resisted and Cashier Dorsey was killed.

The robbers were afterwards cornered and captured by 20 men in a thicket near the town.

THE TARIFF IN CONGRESS.

Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, Offers a Combination Bill for Consideration.

VAN HORN-TARNEY CASE.

A Vote on Re-opening the Matter Will Be Taken Soon—Multiplex Printing Telegraph—The Venezuelan Commission—Other Notes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Mr. Quay reported the army appropriation bill in the senate to-day and gave notice that he would call it up to-morrow.

Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, returned to the tariff question by referring to the statements of Mr. Morrill, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Platt during the exciting debate yesterday. Mr. Allen said he had believed that it was the honest purpose of the republican party to enact a law placing gold and silver on equal terms. But the debate of yesterday developed that the republican leaders, under no circumstances, would accept a free coinage measure. Under the circumstances, he would submit a distinct proposition to the chairman of the finance committee, namely, that he (Allen) would assure sufficient populist votes to give a majority of the senate, if the passage of the tariff bill was accompanied by the adoption of a free silver amendment. In conclusion, Mr. Allen held up a bill, exclaiming: "Now, to test your integrity and good faith, I offer this bill. It is your tariff bill, without a 'T' uncorrected or an 'F' undotted, except in the title." Mr. Allen's bill was read, it being the tariff bill and a free silver bill combined. It went to the table temporarily.

Mr. Lindsay, of Kentucky, offered an amendment to the tariff resolution of Mr. Carter, directing the finance committee to report back a repeal of the one-eighth differential on sugar.

Mr. Carter, of Montana, defended his vote and the votes of other silver republicans yesterday against taking up the tariff bill.

In the house shortly after one o'clock Chairman Johnson, of the elections committee, informed that body that owing to certain contingencies unknown, and to the fact that several members desired to be heard in debate, it would be impossible to take a vote on the re-opening of the Van Horn-Tarney election case. Judge Maguire of the minority stated that he had no objection to this arrangement, providing that a vote be not taken until three o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson said the vote would not be taken before that time. Mr. Tarney took the floor and was closely followed by members on both sides of the house. He admitted at the outset that he did not deny the fact that frauds had been committed in the election, but denied that any part of it was perpetrated by his friends or in his interests. The friends of Van Horn also claimed to have a telegram from two of the Fifth precinct election judges, in which they assert that to their knowledge the ballot box of their voting place had been stuffed with 400 illegal ballots, 300 of which were for Tarney and 100 for Van Horn.

A Multiplex Printing Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Prof. Henry Rowland, of the Johns Hopkins university, has succeeded in obtaining completely successful results from an invention for transmitting telegrams written upon a typewriter at the place of sending that would be reproduced in typewritten form at the receiving point. In addition to the typewriting, part of the invention, Prof. Rowland, with his new machine, can send over the same wire five or six different messages at the same time in one direction, which, in duplex, makes ten or twelve messages that can be transmitted on the same wire at the same time. The invention is described in Prof. Rowland's own words as a "multiplex printing telegraph."

The Venezuelan Commission.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Venezuelan boundary commission has received, through Mr. Tehane, a letter inclosing one from Sir Clement Marham, president of the British Geographical society, offering to furnish the American commission with all the charts and information in its possession touching the location of the true boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana. A reply has been made to this offer expressing the gratitude of the commission for the tender, and stating that it will be held under consideration in the expectation that the case which the British government has promised to submit will include all of the information that is in possession of the society, and so render it unnecessary to tax it at this time by an acceptance of this offer.

Tied on the Bond Question.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The greater part of the time the meeting of the senate committee on finance yesterday was devoted to the consideration of Senator Bacon's bill to prohibit the further issuance of government bonds without the authority of congress, but as there was a tie vote upon it, final action was postponed. The vote for consideration stood five to five. The affirmative votes cast were by Messrs. Jones, of Nevada (pop.), and Harris, Vest, White and Walcott (dems.), and the negative votes by Messrs. Morrill, Sherman, Allison, Aldrich and Platt (reps.).

Count, Absolute, permanent name given.

Rock's Successor, the largest mine in the world and the first place where gold is

MURDER OR DOUBLE SUICIDE.

A Husband and Wife Found Dead at Their Home in Madison, Wis.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 25.—A terrible tragedy, resulting in the fatal shooting of Mrs. A. W. Patterson by her husband, and his death by his own hand immediately afterward, occurred last midnight at their home in this city. A letter ostensibly from both parents was left to the children, saying husband and wife had promiscuously decided for some time, and resolved to die together. This declaration, however, is opposed by the fact that when found the wife, who had retired and was in her night robe, had one arm thrown across her face as if to shield it, and a bullet in the arm, while the husband was still fully dressed. No other motive than insanity on the part of the husband or intended suicide on the part of both can be assigned for the deed.

RESURRECTION IN IOWA.

The House Legislative Committee Reports in Favor of Another Vote on the Liquor Law.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 26.—The committee on constitutional amendments in the house reported in favor of the resolution to resubmit the prohibitory amendment to a vote of the state. The action was a surprise, for it had been generally expected the resolution would be reported adversely. The report names June 3, 1896, as the date for the special election on the amendment. It is still believed the measure will fail to pass the two houses.

A Victory for the Faculty.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Feb. 26.—The trouble at the university has come to the end which has been inevitable from the start. The faculty and president have won, and the rebellious students are compelled to take their medicine. Monday night the 200 implicated held a meeting at the city courthouse. Most of them failed to sign the ironclad pledge Monday, waiting for concerted action. After many speeches they agreed to submit to the faculty, and said they would take the pledge. Many signed under protest, and will appeal to the council. Some may go to law in the matter.

Another Exposition Scheme.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 26.—The state semi-centennial convention called for the purpose of adopting plans to hold in Dallas in 1897 an exposition commemorative of the annexation of Texas to the union, met here yesterday with delegates present from all parts of the state. A corporation of \$1,000,000 capital will be chartered and the federal government will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000 in addition, in furtherance of the project.

Encampment at St. Paul.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 26.—General orders of the G. A. R., to be promulgated some time this week, will state that, in consideration of the fact that the railroads have granted the rates asked for a cent a mile, with a limit of 15 days, which may be increased to 30 days by depositing tickets at St. Paul—the 10th annual encampment of the G. A. R. will be held at St. Paul, Minn., the first week in September.

Two Girls Burned to Death.

APPLETON, Wis., Feb. 26.—The house of Cornelius Bushman, at Freedom, burned last night. Laura Bushman, an adopted daughter, aged five years, and Annie Swinkless, also adopted, aged 14, were burned to death. Mr. and Mrs. Bushman escaped in their night clothes.

Post Office Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The committee on post offices and post roads added to the post office appropriation bill for the coming fiscal year an item appropriating \$1,900,000 for special mail service between Chicago and Council Bluffs, Ia., via Burlington. Special facilities were also provided for between Kansas City, Mo., and Newton, Kan., the appropriation for this route being \$81,700.

McKinley in Harrison's State.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 26.—The McKinley boom was formally launched in Indiana at a meeting held here last night and attended by about 200 prominent republicans. The meeting was intended to start a movement that will reach finally into every district in the state. A McKinley club of several hundred members was formed.

A Meteor Falls in Kansas.

ABILENE, Kan., Feb. 26.—A meteor of unusual size and brilliancy fell southeast of here at 9:30 last night. It was followed by a long trail of light and when some distance above the earth broke into thousands of pieces of every color. In size it appeared to be about a foot in diameter.

A Negro Candidate for Governor.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 26.—Another candidate has announced himself for governor of the state of Tennessee. He is W. F. Yardley, a colored lawyer of Knoxville who made the race about 20 years ago. He is a shrewd negro, far above the average as to intellect.

Sixth Kansas Liberty Republicans.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 26.—The republican committee of the Sixth district met at Colby yesterday and called a convention to be held at Hill City May 14, for the nomination of a candidate for congress and the selection of two national delegates.

Almost Sold for McKinley.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 26.—Seven-teen Alabama counties out of 30 heard from here yesterday for McKinley, who will get 15 out of the 17 delegates

TOOK A DISASTEROUS RIDE.

Passengers on a Motor Car Have an Exciting Trip Down a Hill.

KILLED BY A LIVE WIRE.

A Father and Son Meet Their Deaths by an Electric Shock—Great Excitement at Perry, Ok., Over the Gold Find.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 26.—While a heavy motor car filled with passengers was descending the long hill at the foot of Scranton avenue this morning the brake failed, and the motorcar lost control of the car, which plunged forward at a terrific speed. Half way down the hill the motor crashed into a heavily loaded truck. It plowed through this obstruction and then struck a coal wagon a few hundred feet on. William Marx, driver of the truck, was hurled 30 feet, while the driver of the coal wagon was pitched headlong on the side of the street, alighting in a snow bank, which saved him from serious injury. Marx received many wounds and is probably internally injured. The front of the car was smashed and the motor lox wrecked from its fastenings. Motorman Hart did not desert his station. He was bruised about the head and shoulders. The passengers became panic-stricken and would have jumped if the conductor had not held the door.

Accidentally Electrified.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 25.—Jesse F. Tacey, aged 51, and his son Jesse, aged 21, were killed by electricity in their doorway in the village of Thornton last evening. The Taceys were pushing a carriage out of a shed and, in order to run the vehicle to the street, they attempted to remove a wire that was stretched from a pole into the barn across a gateway. The elder Tacey seized the wire and a current of 2,800 volts killed him instantly. Young Tacey rushed to his father's aid, and the current was at once communicated to him, and he too, reeled over and died before assistance arrived. The wire was crossed half a mile away with the feed wire of the electric lighting company.

Oklahomans Field Excitement.

PEROT, Ok., Feb. 26.—The gold excitement broke out afresh to-day when the news reached here from New York that one taken from Cooper's place, near Perry, showed an assay of \$65 in silver and \$175 in gold to the ton. All land within ten miles of the gold find has been leased by Kansas City, New York and Chicago syndicates. Hundreds of people are flocking here.

JO SHELBY'S VIEWS.

The ex-confederate general approves the action of the Grand Army Commander in the matter of the Fourth of July parade.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 26.—Major Gen. Jo O. Shelby, commanding the United States Confederate Veterans, of Missouri, has been asked for an expression of his views on the action of Commander-in-Chief Walker of the G. A. R. in declining to sanction the proposed marching of the members of the G. A. R. in uniform and the C. V. in uniform at the Fourth of July demonstration in New York city next summer. In his answer he agrees with Commander-in-Chief Walker, and among other things says: "We, who still stand 'this side of the weary door of death,' enjoying the freedom and protection vouchsafed to us by our common country and that flag, realize that there is but one flag and one uniform, one symbol and one army, for our common country. Citizenship is broader than sentiment and duty greater than tender recollections. But above all, true Americanism is chief of this trinity of virtues. And so the ex-soldier, whether of the north or of the south, should maintain that spirit of duty, citizenship and Americanism which will banish sectionalism, bitterness and prejudice, and tie us together with a fourfold bond of respect, esteem, affection and patriotism. It is no part of our duty or patriotism to ostracize ourselves or our private sorrows into the marching columns of the Grand Army."

KANSAS MUNICIPAL JURISDICTION.

Slight Probability of a Burns Contest Because of Emporia's Excellence.

EMPORIA, Kan., Feb. 26.—The Emporia chorus will not appear at the Hutchinson musical jubilee this year. The management having decided that no cash prizes will be given choruses unless there are at least three entries, correspondence has developed the fact that neither Topeka, Newton, Hutchinson nor Leavenworth will enter a contest against Emporia, it having carried away the first prize year after year. As the management will not consent to bar out Emporia, claiming its chorus is the chief attraction, there is likely to be no chorus contest unless some different action is taken.

Pleasy of Time to Hostile.

ROCK SPRING, Wyo., Feb. 26.—Private Robert McNamara, company F, Eighth infantry, has been found guilty of an aggravated assault upon one Wong Tong War, a Chinese miner whom he, with other regulars, had been detailed to guard against the attacks of strikers, and has been sentenced to four years' confinement at Fort Russell.

Weather Forecast.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 26.—Forecast until 6 p. m. Thursday: Fair, moderate; wind northwesterly. Friday: Clear; cold; wind northerly.

THE CONTRACT LABOR LAW.

The Government Vets a Verdict Against ex-Postmaster-General Wannamaker for Importing Alien Labor.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A Herald special from Philadelphia says: The suit of the United States against former Postmaster-General Wannamaker to recover a penalty of \$1,000 for violation of the contract labor law, ended in a verdict for the government. Edward J. Brooks testified that he resided in London until August, 1893, when he saw an advertisement in a London Journal for salesmen in America. He called at a London hotel and met Mr. Cassell, manager of the silk department in Mr. Wannamaker's store. Brooks said he agreed to work for \$14 a week and was provided with a ticket for America. Cassell met him here and gave him employment in Wannamaker's.

ENDLESS CHAIN IN POLITICS.

A New Application of an Old Idea Will Be Tried in Ohio.

MASSILLON, O., Feb. 26.—There is a movement here to induce every intelligent person in Stark county to write at least five letters to that number of friends in other states urging them to go to the primaries and work for McKinley delegates. It is estimated that 20,000 people should send out 100,000 letters within ten days, and as each correspondent will ask friends to write similar letters to other friends the scheme will be another manifestation of the endless chain idea.

WILL NOT BE HELD.

The Blue and Gray Parade for New York City Declined.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—An evening paper says: The proposed "blue and gray" parade which was to take place in this city on July 4, next, in which the union and confederate veterans were to take part and which has been so widely discussed by the press and otherwise in all parts of the country, will not be held. There has been a difference of opinion regarding the advisability of such a parade since it was first proposed.

Tracey Will Be Renominated.

SEDALIA, Mo., Feb. 26.—The seventh congressional district republican convention met here to-day and was called to order by P. H. Sangree, of Sedalia, chairman of the congressional committee. Gen. Oden Gutar, of Boone county, was made chairman, William McCracken, of Hickory county, secretary, and Scott Moore, of Greene county, assistant secretary. It is understood that Congressman Tracey will be renominated without opposition.

Sedalia Ladies Want the Capital.

SEDALIA, Mo., Feb. 26.—The ladies of Sedalia yesterday afternoon organized an auxiliary to the board of trade. The mass meeting which was largely attended by the most prominent ladies in the city, was held at the courthouse. The object of the organization is to assist the board of trade during the capital removal campaign. The ladies have entered upon their work with remarkable enthusiasm, nearly 300 ladies joining the organization.

Another Santa Fe Payment.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 25.—J. B. Johnson, of this city, who, as special master in chancery sold the Santa Fe road, announces that on March 3 he will pay to the holders of general four per cent bonds and defaulted coupons their proper proportion of the proceeds of the foreclosure sale. There is \$59,750,000 applicable to the payment of the bonds.

Wallace Re-elected.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 26.—The entire forenoon to-day in the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. was given over to routine matters. This afternoon the election of officers was taken up. Grand Master Workman William M. Wallace was re-elected. The lodge in Kansas has made rapid strides during his incumbency.

A Kansas City Hotel Sold.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 26.—The Grand Missouri hotel, Fifth street and Grand avenue, was sold to-day by O. A. Crandall, of Sedalia, Mo., to James Carr, of Westport. The price was \$100,000 and included not only the hotel and contents, but the ground on which the building stands.

Adm. Joseph Eyffe Dead.

PIERCE, Neb., Feb. 26.—Rear Adm. Joseph Eyffe, U. S. N., retired, died in this city last night after an illness of about three weeks' duration. Commodore Eyffe was promoted to the rank of rear admiral in 1894 upon the retirement of Adm. Skerrett, after 30 years of active service in the navy.

Hunter Bay Win Today.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 26.—The Werner-Thompson contest case will be decided Friday. If Thompson is unseated, Hunter's election is assured. There is much excitement. Threats to keep the republicans from taking the seat by force are being made.

Giving Leland's Way.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 26.—The two Logan county delegates to the Wichita convention are for Leland and Anderson for delegate-at-large. Leland now has 28 votes all that have been elected in the state so far. Anderson has two sure and Nat Barnes 19 sure.

An Independent Candidate.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 26.—Milton Toole, Jr., the young millionaire, is announced as a candidate for mayor. He is the choice of the business men, who have decided to nominate independent candidates for all the city offices.

DRY GOODS GO UP IN SMOKE.

The Crossing of Electric Light Wires Causes a Conflagration.

TWO PERSONS SUFFOCATED.

A Man Found Unconscious and a Woman Dead by a Watchman—Fire Destroys a Large Quantity of Beer in Chicago.

PORT HURON, Mich., Feb. 26.—The large dry goods store of Meisel Bros. was completely destroyed by fire this morning. The building was valued at \$20,000, and stock at \$50,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from the crossing of electric light wires. During the progress of the fire Mrs. Morgan, a photographer living over the adjoining store, was nearly suffocated, and Charles Thorne, a fireman, was nearly cut in two by an elevator ascending. The building and stock is fully covered by insurance.

Asphyxiated by Gas.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Feb. 26.—When Watchman O'Neill, at the Roney & Berger furnace, opened the office door this morning he found Superintendent Bart Thompson senseless and Mrs. Frank Carlisle lying dead on the floor. The girl's body is now at the morgue. Superintendent Thompson, who is a married man, was taken to his home and may not recover. They are supposed to have been asphyxiated by gas. The woman's husband is an electrician at the wire nail works.

Beck Beer Destroyed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—More than 250,000 gallons of beer were destroyed by fire in the cooling rooms of the M. Braun Brewing Co., at Elston avenue and Snow street last night. The damage to the beer and the house in which it was kept was estimated by Mr. Braun at \$47,000.

IN THE PLAZA DE TOROS.

Corbett and Fitzsimmons May Fight in Mexico Next Winter.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 26.—W. E. Wheeler, who is still here settling up Dan Stuart's affairs, believes that next winter Fitzsimmons and Corbett will meet in this city, or, rather, across the river in Juarez, Mexico, as the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight demonstrated to prominent Mexicans who witnessed that pugilism was not nearly so brutal as bull fighting. An effort will be made to secure concessions for all kinds of sport in Juarez, and it is thought there will be little trouble in securing a concession to pull off finish fights in the Plaza de Toros.

FIRE AT SLATER, MO.

Post Office, Hotel, Printing Office and Other Buildings Destroyed.

SLATER, Mo., Feb. 26.—Fire broke out in the large three story hotel at this place about 2:30 this morning, destroying the hotel, post office, Gwinn Brothers' news depot and confectionary store, the index printing office, Mel & Rectors' real estate and insurance office, the law library of Attorney John A. Rich and the hotel